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Sir:

These comments pertain to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance on page 3 of the Notice of Allowability dated January 11, 2006.

Referring to the structural formula at column 3, lines 8-18 of Sinta et al U.S. Patent No. 5,731,364, Applicants point out that a further distinction over Sinta et al is that the three-ring fused ring structure of Sinta et al is not within the scope of the language "a ring" of the present claims. In this regard, the present claims state that R_1 and R_2 may combine to form "a ring" (singular), whereas the structure of Sinta et al includes a three-ring, fused ring structure (i.e., plural rings). Sinta et al's plural, fused rings are not within the scope of the language "a ring" in the present claims, which refers to a singular ring.

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